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SUBJECT: EMBASSY CHISINAU INPUT FOR OSCE HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING

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(SBU) Embassy Chisinau recommends raising the following points with Moldovan Government (GOM) representatives at the annual Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in Warsaw:

-- Ensure that media access for political parties and candidates is unhindered before the Spring 2009 parliamentary elections; ensure that government does not influence or pressure media inappropriately.

-- Ensure that the Central Election Commission continues to maintain its commendable neutrality in registering candidates and conducting the vote;

-- Continue to enhance efforts to prevent trafficking in persons, protect victims, and prosecute perpetrators. (NOTE: Moldova was rated Tier 3 on June 4. After a 60-day period to institute a plan of action, its progress will be assessed by G/TIP within 30 days. END NOTE.); and

-- Continue to implement improvements in registration procedures and access to public places for all religious groups in Moldova, as provided for by the Law on Religion adopted in August 2007.

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